

MINUTES OF
YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING
DECEMBER 2, 2009

ATTENDEES:

Christine Wood	Kendall Kyritz
Dan Wood	Caity Lowden
Karen Brennan	Kate Fitzmaurice
Alicia Sillars	Meghan Moore
Jared Kindy	Jo-Ann Sawitsky

The meeting was called to order at 7:40PM. Minutes of November meeting were read and corrected. Motion to approve Minutes made by Meghan Moore and seconded by Jo-Ann Sawitsky.

Community Movie - received donations of many quality gifts this year, and 200+ people attended this event. Many thanks to the volunteers who helped with this.

Mistletoe Magic 12/4 - Courtney Stein would like to do a collection at this event which needs the approval from Middlesex School and TOPS - we also have to have the booths manned to collect this money.

Healthy Choices upcoming event - discussion tabled for future meeting.

Community Family Arts Day 3/13 - discussion tabled for future meeting.

Tilley Pond Boat Regatta 5/1

Push-Pull Parade - YC donation to this is usually \$500.

Hindley Fair Nite 5/8

Asset-Based Survey - De Carb, YMCA, Pioneering Health Committee - linked Youth Commission with "needs" agencies to align them with Asset-Based Survey. Kendall and Sarah attended representing the Youth Commission and

Jared attended representing both the YC and the Depot. This study looked at what is positive in the community for youth and to work on what we don't have and what is needed. Sara said that the session was "boring" and that she did not need to be read to.

The 60% self confidence portion - Kendall thought this was good. Also discussed were ways to boost student self-confidence - perhaps by putting random spotlight on a student who has a special talent or interest. Kids felt they were not involved at the school with the rules that are made or the consequences for breaking them and that they cannot relate or identify with what the Asset-Based Survey is all about. Kids should have more "mentoring" and less being "talked to" by adults. Asset-Based Survey is an exercise in forming a "youth steering committee".

Board of Education Budget - Increased funds needed for this fiscal year for Special Needs Emergencies. Bd of Education can take funds from other department's budgets for this priority item.

YC Summer Camp 2010 - registration will start in February for this. Alicia deciding when to start camp in June. Camp fees are currently per child at \$390/first session and \$700 for both sessions. Second child discount rate has been eliminated. We should do an increase this year to \$400/per child for one session and \$750 for two sessions. Expenses will be going up this year.

Brainstorming Session:

We reviewed an event calendar which Karen created highlighting month-by-month the activities and events sponsored by the Youth Commission

Do we want to try and double up activities in one month - maybe two different age ranges and two different events.

More activities geared toward younger children, since middle school has TOPS and teenagers have The Depot where dances, activities, homecoming events, and meetings for different groups are held.

How should we gear activities and in what months. January-February-March are very slow months. Maybe the Saturday of Superbowl Weekend.

Get older kids to "give back" by letting them help out with their particular talent.

Volunteer Fair - teenage volunteers should be manning the booths at this Fair - Safe Rides, EMS, Volunteer Fire Personnel.

Service-based Health Communities - identify what organizations don't touch or get involved with younger children.

For discussion at January 6 meeting - what kind of events to have in our community.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela M. Clark
Recording Secretary